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RE-ESTABLISH CONTROL FOR BUILDING TRADES

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San Francisco, Calif. In a letter sent to all the various AFL councils in the State of California, Secretary C. J. Haggerty informed them that price controls have been re-established in the Building and Construction Trades Industry, and that in other industries, all wage increases conditional on a price increase must be processed by the Wage Stabilization Board.

As far as the Building and Construction Trades Industry is concerned, Arthur D. Hill, Jr., chairman of the Wage Adjustment Board, U. S. Department of Labor, following a consultation with Economic Stabilization Director John R. Steelman, declared that restoration of price controls had extended provisions of the Stabilization Act of 1942 so that only price ceilings and legal wage rates in effect on June 30, 1946, in the Building and Construction Industry can be charged and paid after July 25, 1946. He stated further that no proceedings for violation will be instituted for wages paid in the period between July 25 and August 10 where applications for approval of higher rates are filed with the Wage Adjustment Board during that period. Wage rates other than those in effect on June 30 must be approved by the Wage Adjustment Board before they may be put into effect. Upon request by the parties to an application for a wage adjustment, the Board will grant retroactivity to July 5 of any such approved adjustment.

MANY CASES PENDING

Chairman Hill also announced that decisions are being released immediately on approximately 250 cases pending on June 30, 1946. Applications filed immediately with the Board, he said, will be acted upon under emergency procedures.

Insofar as wages in other industries are concerned, the rules and regulations which established wage and salary stabilization controls which were in effect as of June 30, 1946, will continue without modification or change. In industries other than the Building and Construction Industry, it is permissible for an employer to grant any increase in wages without obtaining approval from the Wage Adjustment Board. A Form 10 must be signed, however, and submitted to the Board in the event the employer seeks price relief for the wage increases granted. Payment of any wage increases without obtaining approval in industries other than the Building and Construction Trades is not, however, a violation of the Stabilization Act.

So Why Live?

Cheer up! While the cost of living soars, the price of funerals hasn't risen, according to the newspapers.

It's so cheap to die, a man can't afford to stay alive.

MANNA FROM HEAVEN

Oakland, Calif. To illustrate the dangers of uncontrolled prices, the Alameda County Emergency Committee to Combat Inflation showered from a plane 100,000 million-dollar bills, "currency" of "The Disunited State of Inflation" and "redeemable on demand in old bottle tops—good only in payment for illegal debts and campaign promises."

Portrait on the bills was that of a melancholy goat.

Everybody Seems to Agree About Unfair Canner Poll

(Release from office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. Now it is unanimous. The NLRB, the Teamsters, the Cannery Workers, and now the CIO agree that it is impossible to hold a fair or conclusive election in the canneries of Northern California at this time.

In its petition to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, attacking the Teamster-Cannery Workers, AFL, agreement, the NLRB stated that it could not possibly hold a fair election in the plants unless the court decided the Teamster contract to be illegal. This the court refused to do, and dismissed the petitions. Now the court has also dismissed the petition of the NLRB for "clarification" of its order of dismissal.

So, the NLRB stands committed to the statement that it cannot hold a fair election in the plants. With this, the Teamsters agree heartily.

This week the CIO joined the procession. In a protest to the NLRB in Washington, D. C., the CIO said it would be unfair to hold

Probes War Graft



Senator James Mead (D., N.Y.), above, announced last week that his Senate war investigating committee will dig into the boom spending of war-time years in the automotive, aircraft, aluminum, and shipbuilding industries before making its report.

The committee is taking a brief rest after hearing details on the Garson munitions combine. Mead's announcement came after Comptroller Gen. Lindsay C. Warren charged that the government "gave away untold billions through defects in war contract termination laws." He said the U. S. Maritime Commission had reported "some of its best men" stepped from government contract renegotiation jobs to work for firms with which they had had official dealings.

"Already over 65 billion dollars in cancelled war contracts have been settled and the door closed forever on any recovery of overpayments by the government."

He said an apparent "moral degeneration" in administration of laws seemed to have encouraged "everybody and his brother" to try to "get the government during the lush war years."

CAN'T SOAK WORKER FOR PHYSICAL EXAM. COST

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. "Requiring an employee or applicant for employment to pay the cost of a physical examination is illegal, punishable by a fine or imprisonment," John F. Dalton, State Labor Commissioner, announced, in response to numerous inquiries.

Section 222.5 of the California Labor Code, enacted in 1945, provides: "No person shall withhold or deduct from the compensation of any employee, or require any prospective employee or applicant for employment to pay any fee for, or cost of, any pre-employment medical or physical examination taken as a condition of employment."

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LABOR RADIO STATION

SEATTLE.—Delegates to the annual convention of the Wash. State Fed. of Labor instructed their officials to buy a radio station to combat anti-labor propaganda over employer-dominated networks.

Scharrenberg Plugs Peace For Industry, Labor Unions

San Francisco, Calif.

Launching of an intensive campaign by the Department of Industrial Relations to promote industrial peace in California was announced by Paul Scharrenberg, director of industrial relations.

As a first step, the Department is attempting to call the attention of all employee and employer groups to the mediation and arbitration machinery provided by State law.

LABOR CODE PROVISION

The Labor Code of California provides that the Department of Industrial Relations "may investigate labor disputes and mediate, arbitrate, or arrange for the selection of boards of arbitration, providing all bona fide parties to such disputes join in a request for intervention by the Department."

"It is surprising to find how little known this law is," stated Mr. Scharrenberg, "although it has been on the statute books since 1939."

IBOOKLET AVAILABLE

A small booklet explaining in very simple terms the provisions of the California mediation law, how it works in actual practice, and the procedure to be followed in securing the services of the Department of Industrial Relations is being widely distributed to all unions in California and to employer organizations.

"The Department stands ready and willing to do all in its power to assist all parties to a dispute in reaching an amicable settlement. Losses to worker, employer, and the public can be prevented if disputes can be settled before work stoppages occur," Mr. Scharrenberg said.

Vets' Training Program Fouled Up By Lack of Homes, Schools

Brooklyn, New York.

No jobs, no homes and not enough schools are the three big problems plaguing veterans, a survey by the Brooklyn Veterans Service Center revealed.

The center went to the veterans to get their own idea of the major problems which have sent more than 60,000 of them to the agency since it opened nine months ago. The survey was based on returns from a thousand veterans.

Almost three out of every four veterans who answered the questionnaire were unemployed. The veteran who said he had not been able to find a suitable job was asked why. The largest group, 28 per cent, gave a low salary as their reason for not working. Other reasons given were insufficient training and lack of security.

The survey also showed that unemployment is widespread among veterans with pre-service work experience, although the young man who had never held a job before the war was the hardest hit. Unemployment was somewhat less prevalent among married veterans because those with family responsibilities were forced to accept less desirable jobs.

Nearly one-third said they had a housing problem. Among married men the percentage jumped to 51 per cent and veterans with children were facing even greater difficulty in finding a place to live (54 per cent). Among both married and single vets the man without a job tended to be the man without a home.

N. Calif. Stationary Engineers Units Merge

Merger of all AFL Stationary Engineers locals in California north of Bakersfield into one large union was announced last week by T. J. Roberts, business agent of Oakland Local 507 for the past 36 years. Local 507, with 65 per cent of its 500 members on the same job for more than 25 years, will close up and become part of N. Calif. Local 39. Frank O. Brantley, president of 507, is first president of 39, which will have 3000 members, with headquarters in San Francisco. Each city will have its own representative.

BAITERS OF LABOR HOPE TO GET ON '49 BALLOT

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. Failing to qualify the vicious anti-labor initiative petition entitled "Regulating Mode of Collective Bargaining and Solicitation of Labor Union Membership" for the 1946 election, its sponsors have now filed 174,858 signatures, hoping to qualify it for the 1948 election. The required number of signatures is 178 thousand and some hundreds.

Should they succeed in obtaining the necessary number, the Federation will, if necessary, resort to court action to prevent these signatures from being used in any subsequent election. The position of the Federation is based on a court decision which denied this practice to previous petitioners involving "ham and egg."

MAY SEEK LOOPHOLES

It is obvious from certain actions of the backers of the anti-labor petition that they will seek to utilize technical loopholes to get their measure qualified in one way or another.

Alert to all developments, the Federation will combat their moves and is hopeful that this latest effort to destroy unionism via the initiative will prove a dismal failure.

Green Declares Inadequate Price Bill Will Force Worker to Fight

Washington, D. C.

American workers will now be compelled to fight "frozen wages while prices rise" under an OPA law "rigged to force higher prices all along the line," President William Green said.

Green said the AFL "is deeply disappointed by the inadequate new price control law passed by Congress and reluctantly approved by President Truman."

"This new law is rigged to force higher prices all along the line. It is bound to increase the cost of living. It is certain to lower the purchasing power of the dollar," Green declared.

"The cruel aspect of the situation is that NOW rigid wage controls will be restored under the Wage Stabilization Board. American workers will be compelled to fight frozen wages while prices rise."

"Unless industry and business exercise more self control than they have to date and voluntarily hold the line on prices, conditions may become insupportable to labor. Unrest will spread and a new strike wave may hit the nation."

"I have repeatedly appealed to all unions affiliated with the AFL to conduct themselves with restraint and self discipline and to refrain from any interruption of production because the sooner production is raised high enough to meet demand, the sooner all government controls, on wages as well as prices, can be dropped."

"I now warn American industry and business that they must cooperate to maintain stable conditions or face inevitable chaos."

Massachusetts' Jobless At Peak of Pay for Idle

Boston.—The Massachusetts division of Employment Security reports that the payment of \$58,404.856 in the first six months of this year, is an all-time high in unemployment benefits. Approximately 62 per cent, or \$35,917,531 of the total, went to war veterans as readjustment allowances, and the remaining 38 per cent constituted a new civilian peak.

The high point for veterans was reached in March when \$1,219,049, totaling \$1,619,049, were paid and peak benefits to civilians were reached in May when \$2,984,000, totaling \$1,098,956, were distributed in a week.

QUICK FINISH!

NEW YORK.—Norman Corwin, American radio writer and producer touring the world on the Wendell Wilkie One World award, interviewed prominent Soviet scientist Peter Kapitza during his visit to Russia. Corwin asked Kapitza what he thought of the use of atomic energy as a war weapon. "It's like restricting the use of electricity to the electric chair," Kapitza replied.

Truman Says He'll Watch Price Trends

Washington, D. C.

Should inflation take over the nation's economy as the weakened OPA law moves into operation, Pres. Harry S. Truman will call the 79th Congress back to the capital for a special session.

Truman made that point clear in an evening message to Congress after signing the patched-up OPA bill "with reluctance."

"I had hoped for a bill under which the Government could with full confidence assure the people that prices would remain generally stable in these last few critical months," he observed. "This bill falls far short of that hope."

"A FORETASTE"

Congress was told that prices and rents during the four weeks without ceilings have given the country "a frightening foretaste of what would happen to the cost of living without price and rent control," and that even so, "prices have . . . risen steadily and ominously."

Recalling that the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported its index of 28 basic commodities has "shown an increase of 24.8 per cent in the 26 days since June 28, 1946, as against an increase of only 13.1 per cent in the three years and 42 days between the signing of the hold-the-line order on May 17, 1943, and June 28, 1946," Truman said only "about two per cent of this increase can be attributed to the removal of subsidies."

The President said price control is not the Government's job alone and that consumers and the people must join in the battle, and added:

"If it appears that all the efforts of the Government and the people will not be enough under the present legislation, I shall have no alternative but to call the Congress back in special session to strengthen the price control laws and to enact such fiscal and monetary legislation as we need to save us from the threat of economic disaster."

Half of America's Families Receive Less Than \$2,000

Washington, D. C.—Nearly half of America's families have incomes below \$2000 a year, and two out of three of them receive less than \$3000, it was revealed in a joint survey of the Federal Reserve Board and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

The figures represent the combined income of all members of each family are based on 1945 income before taxes. As 1945 was a record year for individual income, the current average is believed to be less than shown in the survey.

About one in 10 families had pooled incomes of \$4000 to \$7500, and only one in each 33 or 34 had joint income totaling more than \$7500.

These findings supplemented earlier announced results showing the mass of American families had no substantial amount of quickly cashable assets and two out of every five average less than \$40 each in saving bonds, other securities and bank deposits.

The new report showed the financial condition of the families which constituted the Median, or middle-group in each income bracket as:

Under \$1000—Median income, \$600; median assets in savings bonds, other securities and bank deposits, \$20.

\$1000-\$1999—Median income, \$1500; median assets, \$230. \$2000-\$2999—Median income, \$2400; median assets, \$470. \$3000-\$3999—Median income, \$3300; median assets, \$900. \$4000-\$4999—Median income, \$4300; median assets, \$1450. \$5000-\$7499—Median income, \$5500; median assets, \$2700.

\$7500 and up—Median income, \$10,000 and \$7270, median assets.

576,721 New Homes

Washington, D. C.—Wilson W. Wyatt, Housing Expediter and Administrator of the National Housing Agency, has announced that a total of 576,721 houses and apartments were authorized for construction with priorities assistance under the Veterans Emergency Housing Program from January 15 through June 28.

EASTON NAMED BUSINESS REP. OF MONTEREY BUILDING BODY

F. Otis Easton, member of Sheet Metal Workers 304 and a resident of Salinas, was elected as business representative of the Monterey County Building and Construction Trades Council last week, the first Salinas resident to head this body in many years.

Easton's appointment was recommended by the council executive board following resignation of Lloyd T. Long, who has been business agent since resignation of Dale L. Ward two years ago.

Long continued as recording and corresponding secretary, financial and treasurer, which posts he has held for over a decade.

New Contract For Boxmakers Here Approved

Members of Boxmakers Union

3034 of Salinas at last week's meeting gave official approval to a report by the Negotiating Committee on a new contract with improved wages and working conditions, reports Business Representative John Deer of the union.

Under the new agreement as negotiated at a San Francisco meeting, 14 improvements in working conditions were gained. In addition, Deer said, a 7 1/2 cents per hour increase for warehouse labor was gained, raising this scale to \$1.02 1/2 per hour. A 3 per cent increase for piece work also was won.

The negotiations committee was given a vote of thanks for their diligence regarding the new contract, Deer added, and the membership voted to accept the new agreement.

Other business at the meeting included initiation of five new members, installation of three new officers not installed at the last meeting, and second reading of a new and drastically revised set of by-laws for the local.

Local 483 Lists Membership Gain For Last Month

Membership gain during the month of July was reported last week by Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Alliance, Local 483, of Monterey.

Pearl Robinson, union secretary and representative, said 14 new members were initiated and 12 were accepted by transfer card during the month.

Last week, Tom Marich re-purchased a spot he had operated in former years, the Spagetti House on Alvarado St., and re-opened under the former name of Monterey Cafe. He signed a union contract as one of his first official acts, Mrs. Robinson said.

CSFL OFFICIAL VISITS HERE

Anthony Agrillo, new vice president of the California State Federation of Labor, combined business with a vacation trip to Monterey County last week and visited a number of union offices and union officials in both Salinas and Monterey.

Material Short

Shortage of materials in the construction field has hampered building in the Salinas area, reports J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272 and representative in Salinas for the Monterey County Building Trades Council. A number of jobs have suffered from material lack, McGinley said.

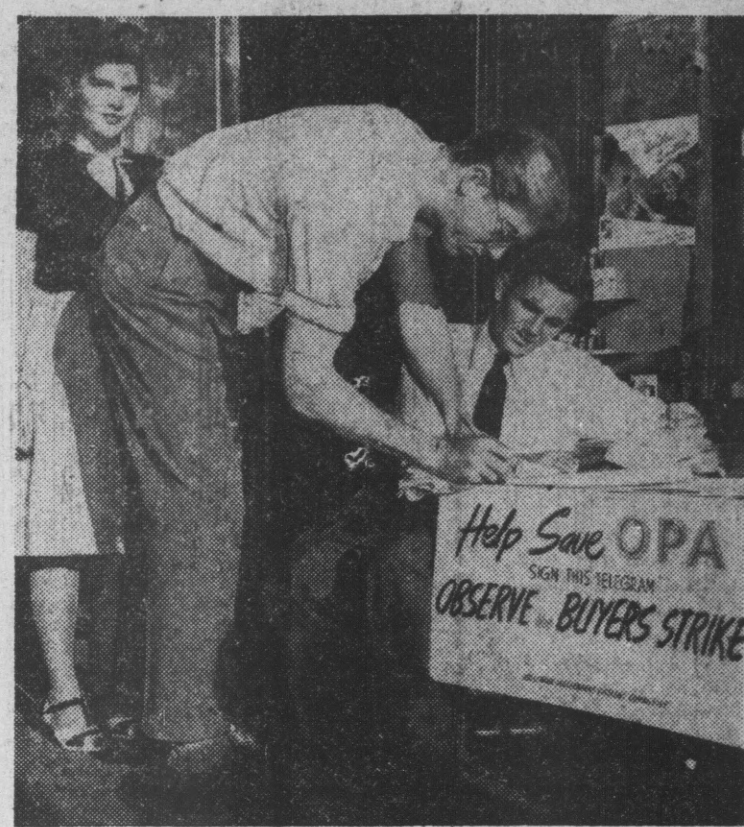
Taxicab Firms Fight Veterans As Competitors

Chicago, Illinois.

While heads of the Chicago Yellow Cab Co. and Checker Taxi Co. here denied Justice Dept. charges that they violated anti-trust laws, both companies have filed contempt charges against the city council for granting 495 additional cab licenses to World War II veterans.

The taxi monopolies won an injunction here several months ago against issuance of additional licenses by the city. The Justice Dept. suit charged that the companies had induced the city to pass an ordinance limiting cab licenses in their favor.

Garfield in New Role



Incensed over rising prices, John Garfield, movie star, asks passersby to sign this giant telegram addressed to congressmen who fought against effective price control. The Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences & Professions sponsored the drive. (Federated Pictures)

CIRCUIT COURT HITS M & M LABOR ATTACK

(Release from office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

Blasted as a violator of the National Labor Relations Act by the U. S. Circuit Court in San Francisco last September, in one of the most scathing denunciations ever directed at a litigant, the Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Southern California has successfully petitioned for a review of the case, and it has been docketed on the U. S. Supreme Court's calendar for October.

The Circuit Court's decision exposed a 50-year struggle of organized labor against one of the most powerful open-shop organizations in the United States, and revealed the M & M as a complete and vicious violator of the law. Not only had practically every section of the NLRA been violated by the M & M, but it had conspired with scores of employers to assist them in their violations. The court referred to this organization as an "arch-violator of the law," under the slogan of "protecting the worker on his job."

CIRCUIT COURT RULING

In two cases involving the M & M the Circuit Court has supplemented its opinions by holding that cease and desist orders were proper, stating that "these cease and desist orders are warranted as to the respective respondents (M & M) because of the violations of practically every section of the Wagner Act, warranting the conclusion of a general intent to violate all of its provisions."

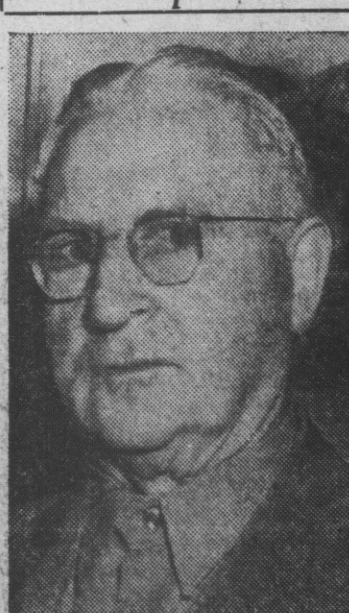
It is anticipated that when the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court is delivered it will not only uphold the Circuit Court, but it will expose the M & M as the union-busting organization it is and always has been. Great interest is evinced in this case by labor as well as attorneys. Its final conclusion will mark the end of a long and tortuous road to make this organization abide by the laws of the land.

David Sokol, the attorney who prosecuted the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, is confident that the Supreme Court's decision will uphold the Circuit Court.

STRIKE DROP

WASHINGTON.—Strikes throughout the nation touched a postwar low in June, says the Bureau of Labor Statistics. There were 350 stoppages covering 150,000 workers, compared with 715 in May with 1,165,000 involved.

Wallops Bilbo



Pres. Daniel J. Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) lashed out against the nomination of Sen. Theodore Bilbo (D., Miss.). Said Tobin: "Mississippi can send Bilbo back to the Senate but the Senate doesn't need to accept him. It should ship him back, preferably in a cattle car." (Federated Pictures.)

5,000 Transit Workers In Chicago Get Raise

Chicago.—An hourly increase of 18 cents for 5000 employees of the Chicago Rapid Transit Co., who operate the city's streetcar and elevated lines, was approved by the U. S. District Court here.

The increase launched a legal battle over a two-cent raise in fares, which the company instituted when the Amalgamated Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees (AFL) first made its demands. The Illinois Commerce Commission ruled the fare boost was unnecessary. Refusal of the company to cut the fare to 10 cents was upheld in the Circuit Court.

Wow!

Strikebreakers at Phelps Dodge plant were startled a couple of weeks ago when they found a polecat writing a verse on the wall. It said: Some come here to scab and fink But I just come because I stink.

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TRIBUTE TO BERNARD SHAW

Recently the literary world paid homage to one of the world's great citizens by celebrating his 90th birthday—George Bernard Shaw.

Bernard Shaw has been called a buffoon, a double-talker, a trifling paradoxist and other names, but the fact remains that he has been one of the sanest thinkers of two generations. Organized Labor should have a deep respect for Shaw because he has consistently fought to achieve the ideal of labor—the abolition of poverty.

Over and over and over, in his plays, miscellaneous writings and public pronouncements, Shaw has battled against social conditions that perpetuate poverty. He has referred to poverty as "the vilest sin of man and society." In 1905 he wrote:

"Security, the chief pretense of civilization, cannot exist where the worst dangers—the danger of poverty—hangs over everyone's head, and where the alleged protection of our persons from violence is only an accidental result of the existence of a police force whose real business is to force the poor man to see his children starve while idle people overfeed pet dogs with the money that might feed and clothe the former."

For the hypocrites who revel in luxury while they talk about the "blessed poor," Shaw reserved his deepest scorn. Of the "scab," Shaw wrote:

"Let him be cheap. Let him drive his fellows down to his own price by selling himself to do their work. . . . Let his sons revenge him by turning the nation's manhood into scrofula, cowardice, cruelty, hypocrisy, political imbecility and all the other fruits of oppression and malnutrition."

Long ago Shaw issued a challenge to the people of the world "to decide that poverty is the one thing we will not tolerate." Way back in 1905 he advocated the minimum wage and old age pensions as first steps to abolish poverty.

Even today reactionaries denounce labor for "asking for more money" and there are ministers of the Gospel who still bolster privilege and exploitation by telling their flocks that "man does not live by bread alone." For this attitude Shaw has had only scathing contempt. Shaw defined money as the "means of securing health, strength, honor, generosity and beauty; he contended that the lack of it means "illness, weakness, disgrace, meanness and ugliness," and he added that money is "the counter that enables life to be distributed socially; it is life."

Bernard Shaw has uttered many a startling paradox to attract attention to his more serious attitude toward life and living. Superficial critics have called attention to the paradoxes but have ignored the basic philosophy of revolt against what Shaw terms "the crime of poverty."

It is fitting that all labor join in the world tribute to this great social gadfly who stings the hypocrites in high places. And may this grand old 90-year vegetarian rebel round out a full century for one of the most useful lives this planet has seen!

SHOE ON THE OTHER FOOT

The way to get world peace is to promote world understanding. The way to promote world understanding is for nations to put themselves into one another's shoes long enough to get some over-all perspective. Senator Glen H. Taylor of Idaho recently inserted into the Congressional Record a terse statement entitled "As Others See Us," by Scott Nearing. In all the welter of name-calling and threats of "toughness," etc., it is well for us to ponder Mr. Nearing's statement:

"The people who are saying hard things about Soviet foreign policy would gain a better understanding of the situation if they would put the shoe on the other foot."

"If the Soviet Union (1) possessed the secret of the atomic bomb and (2) were doing its best to keep it from us, meanwhile (3) building up a stockpile of the bombs, (4) maintaining an army larger than ever before in its history, and (5) a navy larger than all the other navies of the world combined, (6) proposing to continue the wartime draft, and (7) introducing universal compulsory military training in time of so-called peace, (8) allowing her army and navy officers to talk openly of attacking us before we should have time to recover from our war effort and perhaps learn to make our own atomic bombs, (9) carrying on a press and radio campaign to foment suspicion and hostility toward us, (10) seizing and holding military bases along both our frontiers (Iceland, Greenland, the islands of the Pacific), (11) sending naval expeditions into northern waters for special training in Arctic warfare, (12) maintaining armed forces at our very gates (United States Marines, planes and ships in Manchuria, United States troops and anti-Soviet armies in India, Germany, Italy, Greece), (13) proposing for 1947—two years after the war—a military budget greater than that of any other country, with a higher percentage of expenditure for military purposes than was made by Germany or Japan when they were actively preparing for war, and if (14) the Greek Catholic Church were offering to lead a holy war against us, and if (15) Marshal Stalin officially sponsored a public ceremony at which a former prime minister who had twice tried to overthrow our government and our economic system was highly honored and in his address urged an alliance between our two most powerful rivals—what would they think of Generalissimo Truman and Foreign Commissioner Byrnes if they did not work night and day to see that the United States had friendly governments in every capital from Canada to Argentina, and if they did not move heaven and earth to discover the secret of the atomic bomb?"

JUST IN PASSING

Speaking of international spies, do you want to make a bet that the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States State Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation do not maintain a single one in the whole wide world?

The best way to kill a fine idea is to get a committee working on it.

GIGGLES AND GROANS

TRUTH WILL OUT

It seems that a very haughty lowager breezed into a hospital to see her chauffeur, who had been seriously injured in an automobile accident. The nurse hesitated about letting her in the room and said:

"He's a very sick man and should see no one but his family. Are you his wife?"

Highly indignant, the dowager lurched out: "Certainly NOT—I'm his mistress!"

SLIGHTLY EMBARRASSED

SHE—"Didn't you tell me that you hunt bear?"

HE—"Lady, you wrong me. I always wear a canvas coat."

END OF THE TRAIL

WEDDING GUEST—"This is your fourth daughter to get married, isn't it?"

MacTAVISH—"Aye—and our confetti is gettin' awful gritty."

HELL AT HARVARD

Several years ago, Harvard broke off football relations with Princeton. Soon afterwards a Princeton alumni luncheon was held in a midwest city. Each guest rose and gave his name, his class, occupation, whether married or single, and number of children.

One man rose and declared himself as follows: "Smith, class of '02, lumber broker, unmarried, two sons—both at Harvard."

GOOD READING

SHE—"Did you read 'Forever Amber'?"

HE—"Yeah. After reading that book, it seems to me that lots of the gals in those days at Queen Elizabeth's court liked to curl up with a good book, and lots of them preferred just to curl up with one of the pages."

THE INVOLUNTARY WORD

VETERAN OF THE ALEUTIANS—"While in the Aleutians I saw the screwiest bird. It lays square eggs, and talks!"

USO COMMANDO—"Oh, yeah! What does it say?"

VETERAN—"Ouch!"

MECHANICAL CONTRADICTION

AVIATION INSTRUCTOR—"Have any of you cadets any question about aerodynamics?"

CADET—"Yes, sir . . . why is it that some of the girls with the most streamlined figures offer the most resistance?"

SCENERY ABOVE PAR

A WAVE went into the doctor's office to be treated for a swollen knee. He lifted up her skirt, inspected the injured member and commented:

"Pretty swell joint you have here, lady!"

INCENTIVE FOR SPEED

MOITILE—"Say, do you know why Eskimo dogs are the fastest in the world?"

GOITTE—"Now, why?"

MOITILE—"It's because the trees up there are so far apart."

A DOG AND A KID

No one will invent and no one ever did

A hoolier pair than a dog and a kid.

For doubt can't bedim nor can worry befog

The gay zestful way of a kid and a dog.

Athrob with adventure, their hearts beat as one,

Their pulses resurge with the rhythm of fun.

They swing into action as impulse may bid,

"Today is the day" for a dog and a kid.

Oh God, clear the path away along which they jog

And smooth out the bumps for a kid and his dog.

And make of the world that they wander amid

A place truly fit for a dog and a kid.

USING THE EYES

When using the eyes for any near work, the illumination should come from the left side rather than the right which is often disregarded. Take a pencil and paper and try to write while in such a position that the light will fall from the right side. The shadow of the hand or pencil or both is thrown on the paper in such a way as partly to cover the characters one is making. This necessitates a closer viewpoint and a conscious strain on the eyes. Now let the position of the light be reversed so that the light falls on the left side.

He will notice that the shadows fall away from the work he is doing and leaves the field unobscured. This applies to any other kind of near work in which the fingers work under the guidance of the eyes.

Permanent Fixture

Mary has a little swing
It isn't hard to find;
Everywhere that Mary goes
The swing is right behind.

Public Taken to Cleaners on Eye Glasses, Shown

Chicago, Illinois.

A huge swindle of the American public was exposed by the Justice Dept. here when it filed two civil suits in federal court charging optical wholesalers and about 5000 leading eye doctors throughout the U.S. with violating anti-trust laws.

The biggest firms in the optical industry were accused of fixing prices on spectacles through the device of rebating to the eye doctors about half of the total price paid by their patients for glasses.

Named in one suit as defendants were Bausch & Lomb of Rochester, N.Y., four subsidiary companies and 30 doctors named in a "representative capacity" who received \$307,550.46 in kickbacks in 1944. The 30 doctors, Asst. Atty. Gen. Willis L. Hotchkiss said, represented some 3000 doctors who regularly received rebates from Bausch & Lomb and its subsidiaries.

LUSH KICKBACKS
The other suit named as defendants the American Optical Co. of Southbridge, Mass., and 20 doctors named representatively for 3000 throughout the country. The 20 received \$277,676.38 in kickbacks in 1944 and 1945. Hotchkiss said. Among the 3000 sued as a class in each suit there was some overlapping, he explained, involving about 5000 in all. The Justice Dept. suit asked that the defendant companies be enjoined from paying rebates and that the defendant doctors be enjoined from receiving any rebates.

Still pending is a 4-year-old monopoly suit against the optical industry, with Bausch & Lomb and American Optical again the chief culprits, which accused it of depriving 20 million Americans of care for their eyes by fixing prices at exorbitant levels.

ARMY HALTS SUIT
The suit was halted Oct. 27, 1942, at the request of the Army and Navy, which said the trials "would seriously impede the war effort" of the two big companies. Also named

in that suit were the Optical Wholesalers Natl. Assn., two patent holding companies, 60 individuals and 11 other optical companies. Evidence obtained by the Justice Dept., before the brass hats forced adjournment, showed that spectacles sold at \$20—a price which, it estimated, 20 million Americans with bad eyes cannot afford—could easily be sold for \$7.50. It also revealed that four companies control 88% of all eyeglass sales in the U.S. These companies have compelled the public to pay for kickbacks exposed in the latest suit, as well as 400% to 600% markups by opticians.

TIEUP WITH NAZIS

Despite Army and Navy kid glove treatment of the industry, the war effort felt the pinch of a shortage of military optical instruments created by the international optical cartel, headed by Carl Zeiss of Germany and Bausch & Lomb.

An investigation which led to an anti-trust indictment of the two firms in March, 1940, showed that secret U.S. military information was given by the American firm to the German firm not only before but after Hitler came into power. Because of its secret agreement with the German firm, Bausch & Lomb refused to sell military equipment to England and France and used threats of patent infringement to frighten competing firms from bidding on military equipment for the U.S. Army.

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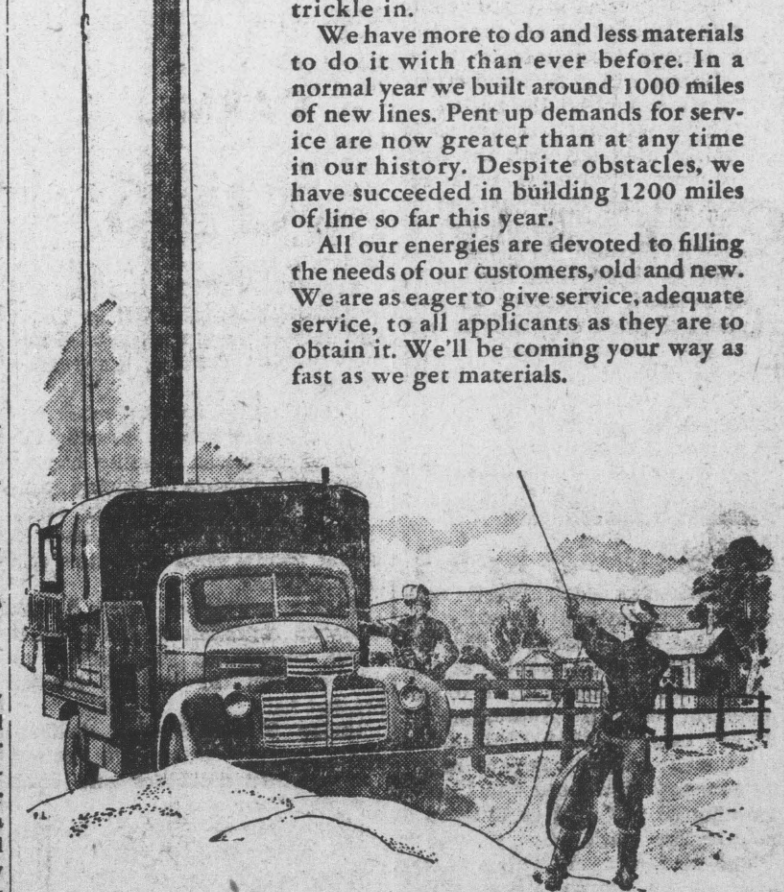
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PUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS UNION Local 503—Meets Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, Pres., Al Everly; Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, C. Russell Walker, 312-B Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 9259. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex. Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

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RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets on call of President Leon Edner. Fin-Sec., R. L. Mathiesen, Res. 158 Central Ave., Phone: Office, 4933.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., E. E. Lehr, 142 11th St., Pacific Grove. Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey.

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SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—President, J. Collins; Secretary, Treasurer, R. MacRae; Recording secretary, H. Dies. Meet in Forrester's Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres. A. C. Davis, Sec-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

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BLDG. TRADES COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey Co. called to order by President Wm. J. Dickerson at 8 p.m. August 1, 1946. Roll call showed eight local unions with 17 delegates present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The report of the Executive Board was read and then taken up in subjects presented. The first was selection of a business agent. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Easton, member of Sheet Metal Workers Local 304, be selected by the Council for business agent. (Carried.)

The recommendation of Executive Board to reduce Hod Carriers and Laborers per capita so they can place a representative in the field. It was moved and seconded that the per capita for Laborers Local 690 be reduced to 50c per month. (Carried.)

The question of selecting a representative for Salinas area was laid over to a future date. It was moved and seconded that L. T. Long be made a full time financial and recording secretary. (Lost.)

Bills amounting to \$215.90 were ordered paid.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from Building and Construction Trades Department giving a full report on the re-establishment of the Office of Price Administration (OPA) and the Wage Adjustment Board, which renews the power of the Wage Adjustment Board to full force and effect, the same as if the bill was passed June 30, 1946. All wage adjustments must be approved for the building trades in order to be effective.

A letter from the Federal Social Security Board, San Jose, stating that Mr. Herbert Borchardt will be on the coast after Sept. 1 and will make trips through the state, speaking on Social Security. It was moved and seconded that he be invited to Monterey some time after Sept. 20, 1946. (Carried.)

A letter from the State Federation of Labor, explaining the re-establishment of the Wage Adjustment Board to be in full force and effect after July 25, 1946.

A letter from State Building and Construction Trades Council, giving a report on the special session of the State Legislature.

From State Building and Construction Trades Council, a copy of a news item on price controls.

From State Building and Construction Trades Council, legislative report on emergency price control.

A letter from Sheet Metal Workers L.U. 30, explaining how Welders of other crafts may transfer their card to the Sheet Metal Workers.

A letter from Painters 272, setting forth the conditions under which Mr. Bridler's paint firm may be classed as a fair paint firm.

A letter from the State Building and Construction Trades Council, stating that a Building and Construction Trades Council has been chartered for San Luis Obispo and Butte counties of California.

A letter from the State Building and Construction Trades Council, explaining the injunction against Carpenters and Laborers of Vallejo.

Received a copy of the Pile Butts

monthly report.

A letter from Painters 272, filing charges against Mr. John A. Kelly of operating a non-union shop and request that Mr. Kelly be cited by the Council. It was moved and seconded that Mr. John A. Kelly, paint contractor, be cited to appear before the Executive Board. (Carried.)

A letter from Painters 272 stating that they are in request of wage adjustment. It was moved and seconded that the Painters wage request be approved by the Council subject to approval of the Wage Adjustment Board. (Carried.)

Received a copy of minutes from the Building and Construction Trades Council of Santa Clara County.

Received two news letters from the California State Federation of Labor.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

In the past two weeks 34 new homes were started, one store building and warehouse along with many repair and remodel jobs. The Plasterers have placed a request for a new wage rate, also the Painters. I was informed by telephone that the wage adjustment for carpenters has been approved by the Wage Adjustment Board and a written notice will be out in a few days. Mechanics in the construction field are in demand. The report was accepted.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Brother Burke, Painters, asked if a Local Union places a representative in the field, can their per capita be reduced to 50c per month? The Chair answers: Only by approval of the Council.

Brother Webster, Carpenters 1223, good meeting, small attendance, initiated 17 new members.

Brother Diaz, Plumbers 62 U.A., regular meeting; initiated two new members; installed officers; we expect more action in the future. I will soon leave for Atlantic City to attend the national convention of Plumbers and Fitters; we expect a fight over trade jurisdictions within the crafts.

Brother Garrett, Electrical Workers 1072, we meet a week from Monday; we have several men working on Work Cards, not now members of the Local Union.

Brother Fales, Electrical Workers 1072, I would like to back up what Brother Diaz said about trades and call to your attention how the Federated Trades are going beyond their jurisdiction by doing construction work.

Brother J. J. Burke, Painters 272, good meeting; initiated three new members.

NEW BUSINESS
It was moved and seconded that Brother Long be requested to work with Brother Easton until the next meeting of the Council. (Carried.) No further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
—L. T. LONG,
Secretary.

Civil Liberties Situation Said 'About Normal'

New York City. Reconversion to peace brought no marked changes in American liberties, which have added "impressive advances to the gains of recent years," the American Civil Liberties Union said here in its annual report. Chief failure to register advances was blamed on Congress which adopted only one measure backed by the ACLU, that admitting Filipinos and East Indians to citizenship.

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BARTENDERS 483 (HOTEL, RESTAURANT EMPLOYES & BARTENDERS ALLIANCE)—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Monday at 8:30 p.m., 3rd Monday at 2:30 p.m. Pres., E. D. McCutcheon; Sec., Pearl Robinson; Bus. Agt., Steve Smario, Office, 315 Alvarado, Monterey; phone 6734.

BRICK MASON LOCAL UNION NO. 16—Meets Building Trades Hall, second and fourth Friday, 8:00 p.m. President F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville; Fin. Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, Phone 6745; Rec. Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, Phone 3715.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., W. J. Dickerson, 201 Monroe St., phone 1860. Secretary and Bus. Agent, L. T. Long, Pacific Grove, phone 2-G. 4292. Office at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., phone 6744. Mailing address: P.O. Box 611, Office hours: 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at 411 1/2 Alvarado St. Pres., Grover Bethards, Res. 488 Spencer St., phone 7804. Fin. Secy., D. L. Ward, 300 Gibson St., phone 6726. Bus. Rep., L. T. Long, phone 6726. Office at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Box 1095, phone 6744.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (MONTEREY PENINSULA)—Meets at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St., 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Pres., E. D. McCutcheon, Vice-Pres., J. F. Wheat, Secretary-Treasurer, Wayne Edwards, 323 Johnson Ave., phone 7622.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS NO. 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at 411 1/2 Alvarado Street, Monterey. Pres., Mahlon Fales, Res. 411 13th St., Pacific Grove, phone 3609. Fin. Sec., Andy Lazer, business phone 6744.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF PACIFIC (Monterey County, AFL)—Meets on call. Pres., William Culver; Bus. Agent, Lester Caveny; Secy-Treas., Roy Humbrecht. Office at Labor Temple, 320 Hoffman St., New Monterey.

FISHERMEN (SEINE AND LINE)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall, Pres., Salvatore Davigo, 335 Monroe St., phone 7729. Secretary and Bus. Agent, John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 7713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets in New Labor Temple, Monterey, first Sunday morning of each month at 10 o'clock. President, Perry Luce, 1251 David Avenue. Vice-President, Thomas E. McGuire, P.O. Box 156, Seaside. Secretary-Treasurer, S. M. Thomas, P.O. Box 142.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Bengt, Hilby St., Monterey. Phone Monterey 4820; Secretary-Treasurer, Dean S. Siefert, 1503 First St., Salinas, phone Salinas 7674.

MOTOR COACHES, Division 192—President, Harry M. Fox Jr.; Secretary, Herman R. Bach.

MUSICIANS 616—Meetings, when called, held at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, at 2:30 p.m. Pres., A. A. Hirsch, Seaside, Calif., phone Monterey 4257. Secretary, Harry H. Judson, Box 422, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 6166. Office at 500 Asilomar Blvd., Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 6166.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 315 Alvarado St. at 8 p.m. Pres., Norman Winslow, Rec. Secy., Ed L. Castle, 457 Wave, Monterey, phone 6312. Financial Secretary, Wm. Mayer, Res. 419 9th St., Pacific Grove, phone 7905.

PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS NO. 337—Meet first and third Friday, Building Trades Hall, Monterey, 8 p.m. President, Earl Smith, Monterey; Financial Secretary, Jose Mondragon, Res. 272 Lane St., phone 6670.

PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS NO. 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 411 1/2 Alvarado Street at 8 p.m. L. A. Trine, President, Phone 5704. H. Diaz secretary, 1271 3rd Street, Monterey. Phone 7965.

POST OFFICE CLERKS, Monterey Branch No. 1292 of National Federation of Post Office Clerks (AFL)—Meets first Friday of month. Pres. Boyd Beall; Vice-Pres., E. L. Edwards; Sec.-Treas., Art Hamill.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., E. E. Lahr, 142 11th St., Pacific Grove. Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, Phone 9668.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties). Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey.

TEACHERS (MONTEREY COUNTY FEDERATED) 457—Meet in Monterey second Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. Fin. Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, Phone 7622.

TEAMSTERS (GENERAL AND AUTO DRIVERS) 287—Meets second Wednesday at Teamsters' Hall, Main and John Sts., Salinas, at 8 p.m. President, Thos. M. Brett, 941 The Alameda, San Jose, phone Ballard 6315. Secretary and Business Agent, George W. Jenott, address same. Office at Main and John Sts., Salinas, phone 7590.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month at 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 346 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, phone 167.

WAREHOUSE EMPLOYEES UNION, LOCAL 890—Meets first Tuesday night, Teamsters Hall; office at Teamsters Hall, John and Main St. Phone 4893; Pres., Albert A. Harris; Rec.-Sec., Wm. G. Kenyon; Sec.-Treas. and Bus. Rep., Peter A. Adrade.

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CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting of Monterey County Central Labor Council, July 27, was called to order at 8 p.m. with President Every presiding. Roll call of officers and delegates. Credentials read for Rocco Laurino, Marie Laurino and Gordon Ross from Retail Clerks 839. Mark Cuttler and Vic Schmick from Teamsters 287. Richard Hoegh of Bartenders 545 to replace Marcus Barnes. Haskell Robertson and Green were not approved by Examining Committee. Discussion followed on whether these men be seated. Motion carried they be seated. The following were obligated and seated: Rocco and Marie Laurino, Gordon Ross, from Retail Clerks 839. Vic Schmick from Teamsters 287. Richard Hoegh of Bartenders. Haskell Robertson from Culinary 467. Green from Carpenters. Clyde Pervose and Jack Miller from Box Makers.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Bartenders—Brother Balestra reported on meeting with owner of San Lucia Inn. Not favorable to signing contract. Several new members signed in King City. Carpenters—Difficultly with Salinas Planning Mill reported by Brother Harter. Culinary—Sister Boles reported further on situation at San Lucia Inn. Motion Picture—Brother Reina reported on meeting held first Tuesday of month. Also Bus. Agt. Jim Wilson attending Chicago convention. Signed new contract with theater in Hollister. Sugar Workers—new contract signed and company paying new scale. Warehousemen—progress. Retail Clerks—36 new members initiated the past month.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Banquet Committee reported annual banquet to be held at Blue Rock, \$3 a plate; committee recommended an orchestra; motion carried that committee report be accepted. Motion carried that or-

chestra be hired for banquet. Motion carried to concur on list of guests invited to attend Council banquet.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

Bills—ordered paid by motion carried. Letter read from Central Labor Council of Alameda County—filed. Weekly News Letter discussed. Letter read from Bartenders 545 to take the Hotel Jeffery Bar from the "We Don't Patronize List." Motion made and carried to concur in this request.

Motion Picture Operators volunteered to donate cigars for banquet.

NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Due to the fact that a few people had cast their ballot before it was discovered the Butchers had one too many delegates voting, a motion was made to destroy ballots cast and re-issue ballots to the delegates having voted. Also, that the three Butcher delegates decide on which delegate was to withdraw as all three were candidates for an office. Motion carried. Motion carried that as each organization's delegates were called to cast their ballot, that the amount of per capita and number of delegates to the organization was entitled to be called out at the same time. Brother O'Leary from Butchers Union withdrew from ballot as candidate for sergeant-at-arms. Motion carried that nominations for sergeant-at-arms be declared open. Brother Borges and Brother Mattos nominated. Brother Mattos declined. Brother Borges' name was then written on ballot to replace Bro. O'Leary. The following candidates were elected to office:

President—Harter, 17; Deer, 21 (elected). Secretary—Treasurer—Andrade, 18; Courtwright, 20 (elected). Sergeant-at-Arms—Borges, 10; Walls, 28 (elected). Trustees—Miller, 17; Shinn, 24 (elected); Parsons, 16; Boles, 23 (elected); Fenchel, 20 (elected).

CARPENTER ROUNDUP

Carpenters of Salinas Local 925 have been usually busy in recent days, reports Business Representative George Harter, in summarizing recent activity of Local 925 for the Labor News.

Of major interest is a current dispute between Local 925 and Granite Construction Co. over construction of forms for concrete curbs and gutters along Highway 101. The union has found laborers doing carpenter work in building the forms and have protested, since it has been admitted that this work belongs to the carpenters, Harter said.

The new scale for carpenters of \$1.75 per hour is being paid on all Salinas jobs, Harter added. This new scale was negotiated for 46 Northern California counties by the State Council of Carpenters with the Associated General Contractors.

Of interest to members of Local 925 is the agreement between Local 225 and the Gilroy Carpenters Union which waives the payment of permit fees for carpenters working in the other union's jurisdiction. Carpenters from locals in

Arnold, 10.

Motion carried that secretary cast a white ballot for Vice President Brother McGrane—Vice President.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion carried that the regular meeting Friday, August 2nd be dispensed with and the new officers be installed at banquet. Secretary was instructed to invite Acting Mayor Phillips to Council Banquet. Receipts and expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
PETER A. ANDRADE,
Secretary.

King City, Monterey, Watsonville, Santa Cruz and Gilroy may work in Salinas area without permit fees, but the reciprocal agreement is only with the Gilroy local, Harter said.

First construction on the South Main Street development program is to start shortly, it was indicated this week. This project includes a number of homes for veterans, a new theater, and a business district and was approved by the city voters in a ballot on rezoning the area.

Remodeling of Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main St., has hit a snag, Harter said. The Civilian Production Administration has denied the union a permit at this time, but a new application will be made when the union feels the time is best, he concluded.

Three Million Women Retain Factory Work

Washington, D.C. Although nearly 1½ million women lost their jobs in the year following V-E Day, their number on factory pay rolls was still about 3 million more than prewar 1939. The number of women production workers in manufacturing still numbered more than 3 million, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

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Brother Pete Andrade is on his well-earned vacation, the office and the members hope he is having a good time.

SPEIGL FOOD COMPANY:

Things seem to be clicking very satisfactory at the Speigl Food Plant.

Your Shop Stewardess, Margaret Grasso, is on a well-earned vacation, the union and the members miss her greatly, however, we are glad she is having her vacation and hope it is a happy one.

Herman Johnson has left the employ of the company. Herman, as you know, was Shop Steward in the lettuce operation. Johnnie Azavedo has replaced Herman temporarily in that department.

All our members are back to work at Speigl's, this office has been constantly trying to get workers to send to Speigl's in the apricots.

DEMPSEY-HUDSON COMPANY

Work is progressing at Dempsey-Hudson very satisfactorily and the apricot season is about to end at this plant; but the company expects to start production of peaches, so our members employed there will not lose much time from the change.

PRODUCE DRIVERS

There will be a special meeting held in the month of August for the produce division covering produce drivers, at which time all drivers will be notified on the job.

We are having considerable trouble in this industry recently as the men have not familiarized themselves with the produce agreement. We again ask all the members to familiarize themselves with the contract between the Grower-Shippers and this Union. Also check on your job to see if the seniority list has been posted by the company, if not, notify the Union immediately, we will then ask the company to abide by the agreement and post these seniority lists. Posting of these lists are very vital and important to members working on produce job; when the slack season comes you drivers are entitled to know who is going to work and who is not, according to seniority. Also check and see if the companies have posted their work rules on the bulletin board, if not notify the Union so that we may take care of this, too.

Ben Geary was very seriously injured some 3 weeks ago and is now at the Monterey County Hospital. Ben was injured while in swimming, however, he is improving and any produce driver who has a little time drop out and see Ben, as he has had a plenty tough time. His morale is 100% and let's keep it that way by paying him a visit.

C. B. GENTRY COMPANY
To the members of the C. B. Gentry Company: Things seem to be going very smoothly, and with the new personnel manager, Mr. Wagner, who is endeavoring to take care of small grievances that have arisen in the past and have not been successfully cared for.

Any member working at the C. B. Gentry thinking they have their vacation earned—having worked 1600 hours in a 12 months' period—please notify your Shop Steward; they will notify the company and you will be informed of the amount of hours you have worked since your last vacation.

SAN JUAN
To the employees of the Sam Regas Company:

The Union shortly will have your agreement consummated with your employer and copies of this agreement will be available for your inspection on our bulletin board at the plant. Please familiarize yourself with the terms of this agreement so that in the future you will fully understand its contents, so you may apply it to your job by day; this will make better relations between the Union and the company. In the past our members were not familiar with the agreement and this caused some difficulties.

Remember that Ruby Pierce is your Shop Stewardess and take all grievances directly to her.

Wear your Union buttons on the job, and we are happy to report that, beginning with the month of August, the Union will have plenty of Union buttons and will endeavor not to run out of buttons in the future.

The following have drawn sick checks for the week ending August 3rd:

James Berry, Salinas, \$25; Ben Harbin, Salinas, \$25; Mario Finello, Gilroy, \$25; William Blake, Gilroy, \$25; Omer Boren, Salinas, \$25; John Ramey, Salinas, \$25; Monica Teves, Salinas, \$25; Ben Geary,

Salinas, \$25; James J. Allen, Salinas, \$25.

WATSONVILLE

A meeting with the employees of Bakers Food Company will be held shortly to arrange an NLRB election to determine what Union shall represent the employees in collective bargaining.

We have many members signed in this plant and urge each and every one of them to remind those not signed up to vote for Local 890, A.F. of L. when this election is held.

Fruit & Produce Drivers, Warehousemen and Employees Union Local 890 will represent you fairly and much progress has been made in those plants under our jurisdiction. All contracts are subject to the approval of the membership, they have the final voice on all these matters. The officers are elected to office by the membership also. All grievances are taken up promptly.

Local 890 has an insurance plan that pays \$25 per week if you are sick or injured on or off the job.

We find that many of the people employed in Watsonville who are very much afraid of losing their jobs and being discriminated against where they are unorganized. This is brought about by the foreman and floorladies acting under the instructions of the employer. We ask you to remember and discuss with the other workers these facts: Why are the employers all organized into a council? The Watsonville Employers Council is a union of employers to work together to prevent you from bettering your wages, hours and working conditions; to arrange the highest possible prices for their products. Therefore, you must organize that you too have an opportunity to receive the highest possible wages and conditions for your product—that is the labor you do with your hands; it is all you have to sell.

There are some 16 million members in the ranks of organized labor and whatever wage increase you have received was brought through their efforts. Don't allow yourselves to be bamboozled by these foremen and floorladies, that the plant will shut down or you will be laid off in the plant is forced by your efforts to become organized—16 million organized people can't be wrong! Work under a Union agreement; we ask all of our members to pass this word along to those unorganized in frozen food plants.

Negotiations are under way with the Watsonville Canning Company and all employees will be called to another meeting, the date will be posted in the plant and all employees notified.

Your business representative, Bud Kenyon, checked all plants and found them in good condition, thanks to the good work of your Shop Stewards.

We are sorry to report that Brother Nield, Shop Steward on the swing shift at Union Ice Company, is leaving and returning to Oakland to resume his trade as a butcher. Best of luck, Brother Nield, you did a swell job.

Brother Lloyd Cox will succeed Brother Nield as Shop Steward and the boys at Union Ice feel he is capable of doing a good job and will give him their support.

PRODUCE DRIVERS: We have asked the various companies to post seniority lists for all drivers of produce trucks, loaders, bugs, silver kings and tractors hauling trailers; if they are not correct call it to the attention of the company or the business agent.

Be sure you have August dues paid before the 15th so that you remain in benefit standing. One of our members in Watsonville was denied a claim for which he would have received \$250 in benefits. But alas! We can make no exceptions, and he was behind in his dues. This fund is yours and we must administer it under the by-laws laid down by you. So we hope to see the blue August button on everyone before the 15th.

PLEA FOR REDS

NEW YORK—Dist. Council 9, Brotherhood of Painters (AFL) will submit to the union's national convention in San Francisco in September a resolution asking it to drop constitutional ban on Communists holding office. It declares that the U. S. Supreme Court in the Schneiderman case ruled the Communist Party is not a subversive organization.

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